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Substitute Senate Bill No. 592

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSPECTION OF SALONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) As used in this section, "salon" includes any shop, store,
2 day spa or other commercial establishment at which the practice of
3 barbering, as described in section 20-234 of the general statutes,
4 hairdressing and cosmetology, as defined in section 20-250 of the
5 general statutes, or the services of a nail technician, as defined in
6 section 20-266a of the general statutes, or any combination thereof, is
7 offered and provided.

8 (b) The director of health for any town, city, borough or district
9 department of health, or the director's authorized representative, shall,
10 on an annual basis, inspect all salons within the director's jurisdiction
11 regarding their sanitary condition. The director of health, or the
12 director's authorized representative, shall have full power to enter and
13 inspect any such salon during usual business hours. If any salon, upon
14 such inspection, is found to be in an unsanitary condition, the director

15 of health shall make written order that such salon be placed in a
16 sanitary condition. The director of health may collect from the operator
17 of any such salon a reasonable fee, not to exceed one hundred dollars,
18 for the cost of conducting any annual inspection of such salon
19 pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding any municipal charter, home
20 rule ordinance or special act, any fee collected by the director of health
21 pursuant to this section shall be used by the town, city, borough or
22 district department of health for conducting inspections pursuant to
23 this section. The failure of any such operator licensed by the
24 Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 386 or 387 of the
25 general statutes to pay any such fee shall constitute grounds for the
26 suspension or revocation of such license by the Commissioner of
27 Public Health.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Cost

Affected Agencies: Department of Public Health

Municipal Impact: Indeterminate Revenue Gain, Indeterminate Cost

Explanation**State Impact:**

The state will incur an FY 02 cost of \$63,110 to implement provisions of this bill. This reflects the three-quarter year costs of 0.5 Special Investigator and 0.5 Administrative Hearings Attorney and associated equipment and other expenses needed to allow the Department of Public Health to investigate complaints and take disciplinary action against salons failing to pay local health department inspection fees. Also included in this sum is \$16,433 in associated fringe benefits costs.

In FY 03 and subsequent fiscal years, costs associated with this staffing expansion will be \$80,745 (\$58,835 in costs to the department and \$21,910 in associated fringe benefits costs).

No funding has been included within sHB 6668 (the FY 02 – 03 Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee) to implement the bill's provisions.

Municipal Impact:

The bill requires directors of health to annually inspect all salons and authorizes the imposition of a fee of up to \$100 per salon to offset costs of conducting these inspections. Ensuing expenses and revenues for any given department or district of health will vary in accordance with the number of salons within any given health director's jurisdiction, which cannot be determined at this time.

OLR BILL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING AND INSPECTION OF SALONS.**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires local and district health directors to conduct annual sanitary inspections of all commercial establishments in their jurisdiction that provide hairdressing and cosmetology, nail technician, or barber services, singly or in combination. It authorizes health directors or their representatives to enter these "salons" during business hours and to issue written orders to correct violations. The law already requires Department of Public Health officials to inspect sanitary conditions in barber and hairdressing shops whenever it deems this necessary and make appropriate orders.

The bill allows health directors to collect an inspection fee of up to \$100 from salon operators. And it requires towns and health districts to use this fee only for inspections. If a licensed barber, hairdresser and cosmetician, or nail technician is the salon operator and fails to pay the fee, the bill makes this grounds for the department to suspend or revoke their license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 0